

November 3, 1952

Mr. Oliver Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

Never did I realize that you had given Eddie Adkins the numismatic bug and we had a few moments of fun talking about collecting. I have sent you, via him, the Rhode Island token which you requested and I will be delighted to have Vermonts, Tory cents, 1783 Washington cents, or anything of that sort in exchange. I have a great deal more for you of other colonial items which I have in duplicate. We can get a very fancy exchange going, if you wish.

I am glad you are vigorously interested in the colonial field and I think you will continue to enjoy it more as time goes on.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

November 7, 1952

Mr. Oliver Eaton Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

Your very nice letter is appreciated and I am glad to know that you are interested in coins of historical significance rather than merely dates, mint marks and die varieties. I feel exactly as you do and as a result I collect sales tax tokens, Civil War tokens, Hard Times tokens, Sutler's checks, John Smith checks, State Bank notes, scrip, Colonials, all United States coins, Pioneer, Confederate, United States currency and fractionals, and I am particularly concerned in the history of anything used for money in this country. I do, however, collect die varieties in a number of series where the research I am doing requires a study of die varieties in order to piece the history together.

I do have, in duplicate, a number of items which you put on your list, namely, Lord Baltimore shilling, 1767 French sou without counterstamp, Carolina half penny, Connecticut African Head, Connecticut Mutton Head, 1792 Washington President I. Do you have anything else you could exchange for any of these as I do not wish to sell coins. I do not care if I acquire other duplicates or items that I can use. Two of the Vermonts you sent me are fine. Perhaps you can suggest some satisfactory basis for exchange. I like to state the facts, namely, how much an item cost me and let the other fellow have it on that basis.

I am returning two of the Vermonts which you sent and would like to keep the other two.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

November 25, 1952

Mr. Oliver Eaton Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

Correspondence with you has been delayed due to the fact that I had to make a trip out of town.

As to the Rhode Island piece, virtually all of the issue had the ornament toolled off at the time the coin was made. I am not certain as to the reason but merely know that all that I have seen have been without the ornament and have had an even tonation due to the oxidation over that area. It is not a defect on that coin.

Thank you for the comments on my Fugio articles and, strangely enough, I have received some mail from a number of interested parties. That was a pleasure as I merely write for my own dry amusement and don't expect others to be particularly interested.

To continue our trade, I am enclosing the following: Two Carolina half pennies, fine and about very fine condition, for which I paid \$62.50 and \$75.00, respectively. A 1767 French colonial sou without counterstamp, these being somewhat scarce. A nice Muttonhead Connecticut - Miller 1-2(C) which I estimate stands me at \$7.50. An imitation halfpence from Machin's Mills, fine. A Baltimore shilling, very good, strong, which ought to be worth about \$85.00

In so far as your duplicates are concerned, I am glad to take anything off your hands, in exchange, which I do not have duplicates of already and am returning the others. I am returning the Mark Newby in silver, the 1791 Washington Eagle, the Voce Populi, the 1787 New Jersey and the two Woods coins. If it happens that the balance is in my favor in the exchange

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Mr. Oliver Eaton Futter

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I will find some other coins for you to acquire and let me have. You make your own price on Rhode Island and the French sou.

I have had more fun collecting colonials than any other field and, believe me, I have collected a few other fields too. I am glad that you are selective enough not to collect dates and mint marks as this is the most boring part of any collection. I collect die varieties wherever such die varieties are interesting or are a piece for proving something but the idea of paying twice as much for a fancy mint mark as for a choice rare colonial is beyond my imagination.

Is the 1785 Vermont coin you sent me from the ANA auction? Do you mean to tell me you have a nicer one of this type in your collection or is it the 1786 which you have kept?

As to the coins which I am sending you, do not feel any embarrassment in returning any that do not strictly appeal to you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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November 3, 1952

Mr. Eric Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
315 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis 2, Missouri

UNDERWRITING DEPARTMENT

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your courtesy in giving Eddie the Rhode Island piece. It is one of a great many of the coins that I am missing in my Colonial series. As you perhaps know, I am fairly recent as a coin collector, having started in 1950. I am not particularly interested in dates or series but mostly in coins which have an historical significance.

I had mentioned to you on the phone that I had eight duplicates of the Vermont series but upon checking I find there are only four Vermont and the other four are Connecticut. I am enclosing the four Vermont pieces.

I am secretary of the New York Numismatic Club and should you happen to be in New York on the second Friday of any month I wish you would be my guest as I think you know most of the members of the club.

Ed has mentioned to me that you might be interested in purchasing some coins in New York at auctions. I should be only too happy to act for you in the same capacity that I would act for Eddie, as a friend.

When I have time I am going to obtain a list of the missing coins in my Colonial series and send it along to you as I feel that if duplicates could be obtained anywhere they could be obtained in your collection.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Eaton Futter
OLIVER EATON FUTTER

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P. S. - The above letter was dictated Friday but over the week-end I checked for the coins I needed in the Colonial and Early American series. The following is my want list.

- ✓ Willow Tree 6 & 3 pence
- ✓ Lord Baltimore Shilling
- ✓ 1767 Fr. Col. Sou (no counter mark)
- ✓ Mark New by Half Penny
- ✓ Carolina Halfpenny (both Ors & Ers)
- ✓ 1733 Rosa Americana Conn.
All the Higleys
- ✓ 1785 African Head
- ✓ 1787 Mutton Head
- Maryland
1783 Rings
1790 Baltimore Town 3 pence
- N. J.
Immunis Columbia
Eagle Cent
1786 N. Y. Non Vi Virtute Vici
1787 N. Y. Cent Small Head & Star & Fig. of Liberty
Theatre Penny of N. Y.
1776 Currency \$ - Silver
1776 Currency \$ - Brass
1776 Currency \$
1776 Pewter \$ E.G. Fecit Silver
Nova Constellatio in Silver
1787 Fugio United above
States Below
The Confederatic Cents
✓ 1792 Washington Pres. Cent
1792 Wash. 50¢ Silver
1795 Penny date on reverse

November 11th

Dear Mr. Newman,

I am very
happy that two of the Vermonts
were of use to you. I am enclosing
nine coins which I have in duplicate.

I am putting
my cost price on at your suggestion
but I do not feel that such a
basis of singeing is equitable to you.
By virtue of my late start and
the higher prices now prevailing I
feel that I probably have paid more
than I should. However I would
like to leave the entire matter in
your hands. If there is anything
you can use figure it out on
your scale and it will be entirely
satisfactory to me. The 1885 Vermont
cost me \$13.00 and the 1888 \$3.50.
I am trying to put

together a fine collection of early
American coins. I am endeavoring
to upgrade them constantly. I have
the Washington Lineport in planter, which
I believe is unique. I purchased about
a year ago a Lind Bullionne grout,
uncirculated. I have a sixpence in
the same series X.F. At the G.M.C.
Constitution I bought lot #2362 which
was described a No. 2 B. Instead
it was an unknown variety 2A.
My son and Bill Clark let the
G.M.S. corroborated this. I
hope some day to have all my pieces
in a condition that allows for
no improvement.

Pardon the informality
of this letter but I was anxious
to get the duophister out to-day.
Invariably, I keep my
coins in the little acetate holders.

that they may be handled by my
friends without being damaged. Will
containment therein cause damage?

I shall keep on the alert
for the items you mentioned in
your letter. The only other
duplicates I have are
Albany and South Carolina
commemorative coins in their original
holders.

Sorry, I have been
so verbose.

Sincerely

Alvin Eaton Hulbert

P. S. I liked the Rhode Island and
I feel like Tantalus reading your
letter wherein are described
Lord Baltimore shillings and Carolina
pieces in duplicate. O. C. S.

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November 17, 1952

Mr. Eric Newman
c/o Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

This past Saturday I had the pleasure of listening to a lecture at the American Numismatics Society by Mr. Raymond H. Williamson. The subject was Early American Coinage. I know that you will be pleased to hear that your recent article was quoted very liberally and with due credits to you by Mr. Williamson.

I feel that a very good start has been made in reviving interest in early American coins. Perhaps you will get around to revising Crosby and bringing it up to date.

Last week under separate cover I airmailed to you some coins which I hope will be of interest to you. I compared the Rhode Island token with several at the ANS. I noticed that two of those at the Society were also without ornaments. However, the area of depression on the various coins differs while the die is the same. I am wondering if it is possible that the ornament has been tooled off, or, do you think that it is a planchet defect?

Sincerely,

Oliver E. Futter

OLIVER E. FUTTER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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December 1, 1952

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

It is always a pleasure to obtain new acquisitions. However, to keep the correspondence in chronological order, let me first answer your question in re: the 1785 Vermont.

I think that I probably have the finest Vermont of that date extant. John Ford has never seen a finer one. I would call the one I mailed you very fine and the one I have extremely fine.

So that we may balance out on our trade and doing it as you suggested on a cost basis, the following seems to be in order:

Retained by You

1885 Vermont Cost \$13.00
(worth about double)
1888 Vermont \$3.50
1787 Nova Eborac \$3.00
1767 French Colonies \$1.25
1652 Pine Tree \$22.00

Total Cost \$42.75

Retained by Me

Rhode Island (cost on
your envelope) \$7.50
(worth double)
Connecticut \$7.50
French Colony - no cost
Catalogue 1953 \$5.00
Cost to you ?
My guess - \$3.00 (you
rectify)
Total Cost \$18.00

The above is done at your suggestion as I do not like to evaluate your coins - so if I am off base, just pin my ears back.

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I would like to have the Maryland shilling but you have placed no cost price on it and I can only offer my thought that to me as a temporary piece until I obtained one in keeping with the other pieces in my collection, it would be worth between \$40 and \$50. If your cost is anywhere in that range - fine.

I am returning the two Carolina pieces and the imitation British half-penny as my keeping one of the Carolina pieces would leave me in a sort of checkmated position since my supply of duplicates with the exception of a few common commemoratives and proof sets has run out.

Do you need W.R. No.35 in fractional currency about as fine as it comes? It cost me \$47.50 and is a hard number to obtain.

I await the pleasure of your answer with a final disposition of the coins we mutually have, plus the Maryland piece I am holding in abeyance, so to speak.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Eaton Futter
OLIVER EATON FUTTER

OEF/ss

In my letter I see I
neglected to mention that I
did not get the Vermont at
the A. M. A. sale.

Regards,
O.L.

December 4, 1952

Mr. Oliver E. Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton St.,
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

Thanks for your nice letter of December 1.

Since you want to keep the Maryland shilling until you get a better one, that is perfectly all right with me. It so happens that Hollinbeck has some Connecticut cents which you could acquire for exchange with me and that would straighten out our transaction to date. If that is OK with you, will you pay the Hollinbeck bill and keep the Baltimore coin. I do want, however, to have the Lord Baltimore coin back when you get a better one and I will gladly exchange something else of your liking. I am also returning the Nova Eborac to bring the matter closer to your thinking.

If you want either of the Carolina pieces, let me know and I will gladly send either one and I will find something for you to exchange with me in the future even if I suggest that you acquire it for me. I have an uncirculated Carolina but I haven't seen a better one than I have offered for sale in many, many years. Your being in New York, however, might be much closer to available items.

I certainly look forward to seeing your collection and I hope that if ever you are out this way you can enjoy seeing mine. I am sorry I do not need WR No. 35.

Please excuse the brevity of this letter as I am rushed to leave town.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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December 8, 1952

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

It is indeed nice that we were able to arrange a little trade that was mutually satisfactory.

I am mailing my check for \$31.78 to Hollinbeck Stamp & Coin Co. and I am requesting them to mail you Lot No. 2266.

Every so often in my acquisition of Colonial coins, I am forced to take duplicates. The next lot that I obtain in this manner, I will write you about it and perhaps we can continue on ⁱⁿ a similar vein.

Eddy Atkins has been up to his neck in a shoe show. Now that it is over, I think I have persuaded him to be my guest at the New York Club this Friday night. It seems that your collection of Paper Money has interested him more than all my enthusiasm. Thank you for your courtesy in this matter and I do hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing your collection this coming May when I am at the convention in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Eaton Futter
OLIVER EATON FUTTER

OEF/ss

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February 11, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Remembering your penchant for Vermont Die Varieties, I take occasion to note that I have acquired a Vermont 1786 Ryder No.10 struck over another Vermont coin.

As this is another duplicate to me, if you are the least bit interested, I shall be glad to forward the same to you.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,


OLIVER EATON FUTTER

OEF/ss

February 25, 1953

Mr. Oliver Eaton Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 2, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

I would be delighted to see the 1786 Ryder
No. 10 which you mention. I will tell you
more about it after I see it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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February 27, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman
c/o Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman

Enclosed is the 1786 Vermont coin. I acquired it recently and it stood me \$9.00.

If it interests you at all, any duplicate proof coin of the same value in any of the American series that you have would be satisfactory.

I introduced Eddie to Mort Hammil and we played a little three-handed Gin. Eddie and I did very well.

Sorry I missed you in New York but I do hope to see you when I come to Chicago.

Sincerely,

Oliver Eaton Futter
OLIVER EATON FUTTER

OEF/ss
Encl.

P. S.

I just noticed in Stark's
1785 Vt. - Sun & mountain type
Caraham & Spencer.
Es. small size. - Fine bills.

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March 4, 1953

Mr. O. E. Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, 2, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

I am returning the interesting 1786 Vermont coin here-with. It is struck over a George III imitation half-pence and you can see the Roman numeral "III" at the top of the head. It appears to have been double struck, in addition, as the "VE" of Vermont on the reverse is identical to the die used for the last striking of the obverse; the coin, therefore, turned upside down while being struck.

The 1785 Vermont Ryder 5 which Stack has for sale is, I believe, somewhat overpriced and in view of the fact that it may be a contemporary counterfeit I have satisfied myself with merely a picture of it.

I look forward to seeing you whenever the occasion presents itself but my wife was with me in New York and I had no time during the day to devote to our hobby.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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October 5, 1953

OLIVER FUTTER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Eric Newman
c/o Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Our friend, Charles Wormser, recently acquired some more Brand coins. Being on the spot, I was fortunate enough to pick up a Carolina Proprieters Coin. As you know, this is extremely rare but, and I understand Brand paid quite a sum for it, I persuaded John to sell it to me for \$65.00 inasmuch as some damn fool put gilt on the coin.

Is there any possible way of removing the gilt without the reaction of a chemical destroying the copper? The coin itself is a strong very good, clear in every ^{detail} ^{Did} detail and I would hesitate, as Brand presumably ^{would} to fool around with it unless I were reasonably sure of results.

I trust that you are enjoying the best of health and are leaving a few coins for us in New York to collect.

Sincerely,

Oliver E. Futter
OLIVER E. FUTTER

OEF/ss

October 13, 1953

Mr. Oliver E. Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

I am going to make a very silly suggestion but I will be a genius if I am right. It is entirely possible that the gilt is a paint base and therefore I suggest you put your coin in a paint remover and see what happens. It might be that a paint base was used and metallic powder sprayed on it or mixed with it.

If it is a metallic plating then you will have to have a chemical analysis made of the material in order to see what will take off the metallic cover and not affect the cover or the impurities in the copper.

I will look forward to hearing about the results of the paint remover.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atk

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October 19, 1953

OLIVER FUTTER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Eric Newman
c/o Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

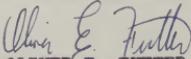
Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your kind suggestion, but unfortunately, it did not work. I soaked the coin in the paint and varnish remover over the week end but still it did not come off.

Harold Bareford told me that the gilt was contemporaneously applied as was often done with English coins issued in that period. However, I still do not like the gilt and I am going to make strenuous efforts to remove it.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,


OLIVER E. FUTTER

OEF/ss

February 8, 1954

Mr. Oliver E. Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

I was shocked to see the advertisement of Mr. Mehl that he purchased your colonial collection and I would like to know whether that is really true and, if so, whether you held out any coins, particularly the Maryland shilling which I traded you with the understanding that if you disposed of it you would let me have the opportunity to get it back.

I would also like to know what particularly nice coins you might have sold to Mr. Mehl.

I certainly hate to see a colonial collector, like yourself, give up but perhaps you are merely transferring to some other interest. I am hoping, however, that these are just some duplicates but I would appreciate it if you would let me know what the situation is with respect to these items.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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AIRMAIL

February 11, 1954

OLIVER FUTTER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Newman:

You were no more shocked that I was. I loved coins and still do. I think it was perhaps a series of events that led to my decision to forsake numismatics. Mostly, I think, it was the knavery of some of our dealers in regarding the sale of their coins. Like an unfortunate love affair, I awoke one morning and decided to abandon this hobby at once.

Mr. Mehl was staying at the New York Athletic Club and we had lunch together and he made me an offer which I found difficult to decline. The only piece I had sold prior to that was one to the Society, a rather rare Willow Tree Shilling.

As regards the one I purchased from you, I can only plead mea culpa. However, I think we can rectify this condition if it is agreeable to you. Write Mr. Mehl and purchase the coin from him. You and I can then arrange, at a reasonable price which we can construe as over and above what we held it for and I will send you my check for the difference.

My collection included quite a good deal in addition to Colonials, but knowing your interest in them, I will mention a few I think you might be interested in.

1. An uncirculated Baltimore gorat.
2. A new York in America Token, one of the finest I have seen.
3. A Baltimore Maryland sixpence - a real beauty. I would call this e.f.
4. A Standish Barry Token.
5. Two New York Excelsior cents, eagle facing left and right.
6. Practically every coin in the Catalogue except a few of the greater rarities, and, oh yes - a Washington.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

half dollar in copper with ornamented edge, circles and squares - a real gem.

7. And likewise, a Washington Roman Head and several Washington coins with rare edges. Also, a Washington Liverpool cent in pewter, uncirculated and unique.

I could go on for pages, but there is no point in re-kindling the flame.

I will say this, in all sincerity, that I think the collectors that I have met have been some of the finest people it has been my privilege to know. I can't say as much for the dealers.

Sincerely,

Oliver E. Futter
OLIVER E. FUTTER

OEF/ss

February 19, 1954

Mr. Oliver Futter, Assistant Secretary
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

I imagine I am so used to the methods of dealers
in coins that I expect them to do the worst and
every now and then they surprise me.

I certainly don't like to do what you suggested as
to the Maryland piece. But I would like you to
send me the inventory of your collection and I will
return it if you have such an inventory.

You have no idea how sorry I am to see you leave
the field of battle as I thought you were going to
be one of our enthusiastic and sound participants.

Please let me know also if you would write to Mehl
on my behalf if I wanted certain items.

Sincerely,

EPN:dv

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AIRMAIL

February 23, 1954

OLIVER FUTTER
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Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

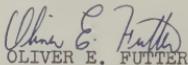
Dear Mr. Newman:

I am sorry I do not have an inventory left. Mr. Mehl said that he would like to have my original cost book thrown in so that he could judge the coins in appraising them.

I have received a half dozen communications from Colonial collectors from various parts of the country asking about the coins I sold Mehl. I have referred them all to him. I am sure that Mehl will give you a list of the coins and I will be only too happy to write him regarding anything that you may wish.

Please do not hesitate to buy the Maryland piece as I feel that this is the least I can do to even things out.

Sincerely,


OLIVER E. FUTTER

OEF/ss

April 13, 1954

Mr. Oliver E. Futter
100 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. Futter:

I have, indirectly, from Mehl on approval, the Washington
Grate cent with lettered edge. Do you remember what you
paid for this item? He wants \$50.00 for it.

A friend of mine here is also getting a tremendous de-
light out of getting some of your coins as I explained
the condition of your coins is superb. My friend is
interested in knowing what you put on the coins to give
them that beautiful gloss and make them seem twice as
wonderful as they are. Would you be kind enough to let me
know.

As far as the Lord Baltimore shilling is concerned, I have
recovered from my initial state of being perturbed and I
don't want you to feel bad about it any more.

Incidentally, I do want to know, if you will tell me,
what perfidy you ran into to cause you to get so disgusted
at the dealers. A great many of the dealers have reason
not to like me because I merely laugh at their dishonest
auctions, confusing descriptions, conniving tactics and
misrepresentations as par for the course.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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April 16, 1954

OLIVER FUTTER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

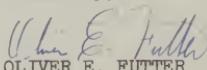
Dear Mr. Newman:

In reference to the coin you mentioned, I believe I purchased the same from the Netherlands Coin Co. for \$30.00. As I recall, it was the variety with the large buttons and in this condition, very rare.

I never put anything on my coins to give them the finish you describe. However, as I kept all my coins in a cabinet, every three months I applied a No.9 jewelers brush very lightly to them. This removed any possible accumulation of dust, and in the period of a year or so, gave them the superlative condition noted.

When you are next in New York, I would appreciate having you as my guest for lunch, and I should be happy to go into great detail as to the whys and wherefores of my low opinion of American dealers. I feel that putting it in a letter may be slightly libelous.

Sincerely,


OLIVER E. FUTTER

OEF/ss

April 28, 1954

Mr. Oliver E. Futter
Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company
100 Clinton Street
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Dear Mr. Futter:

It is not often that one thanks for
getting the "brush".

Sincerely,

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